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Aaron Klein's new firm has an agenda: 'Kill bad meetings'
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Former Nitrogen CEO Aaron Klein has unveiled a new artificial intelligence company for meetings, Contio.
On Tuesday, former Nitrogen CEO Aaron Klein announced the founding of his new artificial intelligence-driven meeting assistant company, Contio.

Klein is the co-founder and first CEO of Riskalyze, which was acquired by Hg and rebranded as Nitrogen.

"Contio was the Latin word describing meetings in the Roman Empire where transformative ideas were discussed," stated Klein, in a release. "There are timeless principles that separate brilliant meetings from broken meetings, and the vast majority of our workplace meetings are deeply broken. AI notetakers are only making this problem worse — seven robots join the call, and do nothing to improve the meeting; they just record the misery, and send us emails about it.

We're building powerful AI to change every meeting's impact and results, turn every person into an elite meeting strategist, and kill broken meetings entirely."

With 10 employees, Contio is building a "MeetingOS" that is "designed to help every person plan, run, and capture better meetings ranging from impromptu huddles to staff meetings to client reviews to one-on-ones to board meetings to all-day strategy retreats," according to the release.

The company, which plans to launch its first products in the fall, commenced operations on Jan. 2 in Boise, Idaho, after raising $5.5 million in capital. Investors includeKlein and other big names from the wealth management world: Eric Clarke, Brian McLaughlin, Steve Lockshin, Scott Hanson, Ric Edelman, Barnaby Grist, Yoav Zurel, Mike McDaniel, Andy Swan, Capital Eleven Ventures and more.